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Wilmington Had Phenomenal Growth

WILMINGTON HAD PHENOMENAL GROWTH IN 1952

As it never did before, the Town of Wilmington increased in all respects, during the year 1952.

With a population jump estimated at 10 per cent or better, and with new plants coming into town, to the value of several millions of dollars, the people of the town have experienced in some respects a mild boom.

The real effects of the growth are not yet fully apparent, but almost daily new aspects appear, which are evidence of the growth of the town.

With an official count of 7,039 in population for 1950, the population as of the 31st of December was estimated to be over 8500.

Throughout the town, new homes have been built. There has been improvement in many of the services, such as the extension of Carrier Routes, from the Post Office, and other services in the town are preparing for similar expansions.

The growth was phenomenal, and it has only begun.

TM DISCUSSES BUDGET AT BALDWIN CLUB

The Town Manager, Dean C. Cushing, discussed the budget of the Town of Wilmington for 1953 in a somewhat detailed manner, before the members of the Baldwin Civic Association, at their monthly meeting on January 6th.

The TM did not give exact figures, partly because he was speaking from memory, without notes, and partly because he felt that it was up to the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee to release exact figures, after they had completed their studies.

"The budget this year", said the TM, "is sound. We will have a little more to spend, without increasing our tax rate. Our tax rate will not increase, and might possibly decrease slightly, but that is something that will be found out after the Town Meeting, and after the will of the people is known."

Cushing went on to relate that this year's budget is being prepared by a system previously never used in Massachusetts. In the budget, not for voting purposes, but for purposes of information to the voters will appear every single item that he can have, relative to the spending of the town, together with any Federal or State grants that may be allocated to that particular item, so that the voters will know actually just how much is being spent on any particular item. Cushing hoped that this information will not confuse the voters, but will serve to give him knowledge of what the town's finances are.

This particular method will be used in some detail in such items as Old Age Relief, and Aid to Dependent Children, in which there is both Federal and State grants. It cannot be shown in such detail in Highways, because the figures from the Commonwealth will not be available.

There will be changes in the method of allocating for General Government, said Cushing. The Town Officials will have their salaries shown in a different manner. We will have one item for those who work in the Town Hall, and another for those who work out of the Town Hall, and then total it up, so that everyone will know what our government costs us.

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FOUNDATIONS FOR WILMINGTON INDUSTRIES



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NELLIE NEWMAN CONFINED TO HOME BY ILLNESS

Mrs. Nellie B. Newman, of Main Street, is confined to her home by illness. Friends say she will be up and around again, in a few days.

PETITIONS FOR WATER EXTENSIONS MUST BE FILED BY JAN. 10TH

Residents of the Town of Wilmington who wish to have water extensions on their streets must file petitions until January 10th to file petitions. The Water Extension Advisory Committee, Mr. Drew, Chairman, will file petitions until that time.

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DEAN C. CUSHING

The Crusader, until this point, has never attempted to assess our Town Manager, Dean C. Cushing. We have deliberately done this, because we realize that hasty thoughts are often poorly based,—indeed we hesitate to put our thoughts in print now, for fear that our conclusions are not yet thoroughly formed. However, it is almost impossible to have a review of the year 1952 without mention of our Town Manager.

The Crusader, and a lot of citizens of this town have often disagreed with Dean Cushing, and, on the other hand, we have often been in perfect agreement. We have found, through the experience, that Dean Cushing is a man who is incapable of harboring a grudge. There have been times when we were wrong, and he was right. We have always found that irrespective of the outcome, Dean Cushing was always ready to let by-gones be by-gones, and start on from the moment, with a clean slate.

The thing that has impressed us most about our TM is his philosophy. This code, by which he lives, runs through all his business, and the best expression that we have heard of it came from his lips, on one occasion in the Town Hall, when Cushing was present during a Board of Appeals Hearing, for a new industry which was coming to this town.

There had been quite a bit of bickering, during the hearing. A number of persons had stood up and spoke their mind, and some of them had spoken more than once. Cushing finally became angry, and stood up to say a few words.

Cushing is a rapid speaker. The average educated New Englander is supposed to speak about 125 words a minute on occasion. Cushing must have been exceeding 150, for your reporter was unable to jot down one word. He spoke, however, in this manner:

"The important thing about any business, or town, or other group or individual, is their philosophy of life. I don't care if a man or a business has a million dollars—if he hasn't a worthwhile code of living, we don't want him here. What we want is business that will recognize the human equation of living. What we want are people who will be good neighbors, not merely someone that you can live alongside but someone that you can feel you trust, and that they trust you. If a company wants to come here, and be good neighbors, to everybody, in a fine Christmas spirit, we will welcome them. If on the other hand they want live on a dog eat dog basis, we don't want them!

After we have considered that first point, then there is a second one to consider. Is it worthwhile? We must be careful, and assess these new businesses from a standpoint of the future. Is it a business that is going to employ large numbers of lowly paid individuals, and then when times get bad, throw them onto the unemployment rolls? We don't want any "marginal" industries here!

What we want are industries that employ highly skilled and well paid labor, and that have in themselves a high valuation. That is the kind of industry that makes a town, and that is the kind of industry that we want here!"

Perhaps we haven't fully reported what the gentleman said, but the thing that struck us most forcefully was that he placed the spiritual values first.

Speaking broadly, there is no doubt but the Town of Wilmington is a better town because the Town Manager has been a man named Dean Cushing, and his key is the spiritual basis of his philosophy. With that philosophy he will go far.

Dean Cushing realizes that there is more to government than philosophy. We will barely mention in passing, his own personal industry, and then pass to another phase.

Our TM has also demonstrated a willingness to buy modern machinery, and to use modern methods. Some of the things we are not sure that they like the idea, but Cushing is ahead. New road machinery has been bought, and as radio telephone has been installed, in trucks and in the department of the town. It is only typical, but it is not that the man is looking for efficiency. By and by, we believe that the people of this town approve of these things, even though they might disagree on certain points.

Spending money however, does not mean that the Town Manager is reckless about it. He is a careful husbandman, and his methods may not be the same as we have experienced in other years, but they are based on a desire for efficiency, and we think that we can overlook a few points, because of that desire.

However, on his methods of purchase, that we have heard most criticism. The TM feels that he is duty bound to get a sharp bargain, and we feel that sometimes he is not for the best.

We hear criticism, from the merchants of the town,

concerning the TM's purchase methods. Perhaps the criticism should really rest on the shoulders of the Crusader, for not fully reporting events, but we don't feel that it has been a lack of trying on our part.

There are businessmen in this town who have tried to get certain business, only to find that it has gone to an out of town firm. They are at a loss to understand this. They feel that their bid was worthy, and low, and that they, as local taxpayers and employers of local help should at least get as much consideration as the out of town firm. Afterwards some of these men have gone around to compare the product, and they feel that their own is superior.

As we say, this may be the fault of town newspaper, for not fully reporting such events. We feel however, that the TM would be wise to consider these thoughts about our local merchants. After all, they are here, and can answer to the call, if anything goes wrong.

Having passed on this criticism, we might add a consoling thought. No one ever made scrambled eggs, without first breaking the eggs.

We like our TM, and we hope he will be around here a long time. We want to get into more arguments with him.

OPERATION BOOTSTRAP

We don't recall just when this phrase was born, but it was sometime during what was called World War II.

Wilmington has been having its Operation Bootstrap for many years, since long before World War II began.

Back in the 1900's a number of "city" people came to Wilmington and built summer camps. Some of the influential citizens of the town approved. Here was a case of people paying real estate taxes to Wilmington, and sending their children to school in the cities. It seemed as though this was all clear "gravy," and only benefit could come to the town.

Came the depression, and the picture changed radically. People who were dispossessed, probably by reason of fault other than their own, turned to these summer camps, and "winterized" them. They took up an active residence in Wilmington, sent their children to the local schools, and began to demand city services, such as paved streets and town water in every home.

Without pointing to any particular street, let us take a typical one. There were say 10 houses on it, with ten families, and about 30 children of school age.

The houses averaged perhaps \$5000 apiece in valuation (and in some cases that valuation is high), and these \$5000 houses were assessed at about \$2500 apiece. At a \$50 tax rate this meant that each home was paying \$250 a year in taxes. Many of the residents complained. "Look at this little house," they would say, "and it costs me \$250 a year!"

It may have taken ten years or more, but eventually the street was given a hard surface, and there was water in every house. It cost more than \$1000 to surface the street, and it cost about \$5000 to put in the water. Meanwhile the 30 children were all attending school, at a cost of about \$150 per year, per child.

10 years of schooling for 30 children cost about \$45,000. The street and water in the same time added \$6000 to the bill, making a total of about \$51,000. This figure, of course, does not include other services, fire protection, police protection, etc., etc.

What did the residents of this street pay in those 10 years? \$250 apiece for ten houses is \$2500, and for ten years that is \$25,000! In other words the street and the inhabitants of the street cost the town twice as much as they paid the town!

That clearly, is Operation Bootstrap!

Bret Harte's famous Chinese colony, where everybody lived by taking in each others washing had nothing on large parts of Wilmington!

Operation Bootstrap is the reason that the Crusader welcomes the growing industrialization of Wilmington. In order to survive, we must have real estate that pays the town more than it takes out of the town. It is as simple as that.

The industrial phase may be said to have started with the advent of the Hayren Mica Company, on Main Street, which came here shortly after the end of the war.

By and large the people of the town realized this necessity, and supported the movement. The J. W. Greer Company decided to locate here just after the town had voted to establish the Town Manager form of government, and it was clearly a good omen. Since our present Town Manager has taken office, other companies have located here, and we welcome them with open arms.

We can begin to see an end of Operation Bootstrap.

FIRE INSURANCE RATES

There is one item pertaining to this town that we do not like, and that is our fire insurance rates.

We don't profess to know too much about it, but we understand that the rates in this town are based on the fourth classification, which is for towns without adequate water supplies, and without a regular fire department.

We understand that the third classification, for towns adequately supplied, is 25 per cent less in cost for the same protection.

We would like to point out that Wilmington has spent millions of dollars on its water supply, and that nearly every part of the town is now serviced. With a few exceptions, such as lower Main Street, Concord Street, upper Ballardvale Road, etc., there is hardly a building in town that is within a short distance of a hydrant with adequate pressure—far higher pressure in fact that is had in many places with a lower insurance rating.

Wilmington has a good Fire Department. There is plenty

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ELFMAN NOT TO RUN FOR MODERATOR

David Elfman, Moderator of the Town of Wilmington, has told some of his friends that he doesn't intend to run for Moderator, in the Town election this year.

When queried about the rumor, by the Crusader Reporter, Elfman stated: "My feeling at the moment is that I will not be a candidate for the post of Moderator, in 1953. I have been Moderator for two years, and I feel that some other person, more capable than myself should have an opportunity for the job, to serve for the best interests of the Town."

"I want to thank my many friends who supported me in the past, and hope that the voters at large have felt that I have acted in an impartial manner, for the best interests of all concerned, to the end that the Town Meeting truly reflected the voice of the people."

When queried by the Crusader Reporter as to whether or not he was through with politics, Mr. Elfman stated that he was through, unless he felt a duty to re-enter politics was imposed upon him by a change in conditions.

WALLET REPORTED LOST

Jeanette De Coster, of 335 Chestnut Street, reported to the Wilmington Police that she had lost a light brown pigskin wallet, containing \$18.00, while in or near the Wilmington Theatre, at about 2 p.m., January 2nd.

WEEKLY DANCES RESUMED AT ST. THERESA'S PARISH

The regular Friday dances held in the church hall of St. Theresa's parish hall will be renewed this week. The weekly teen-ager get-togethers are under the direction of Fr. Szytko.

PROMOTION FOR JOHN COSMAN, JR.

On December 10, 1952, Col. Wray B. Bartling, Commanding Officer of the 20th Weather Squadron in Japan, announced the promotion of John D. Cosman, Jr., to the grade of Airman 2nd Class.

A-2e Cosman, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Cosman, Sr., of 616 Woburn Street, Wilmington, is a Weather Observer. He is assigned at an air base on Honshu with an Air Weather Service Detachment, which is a unit of the world wide Military Air Transport Service.

LOUIE SEZ

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FIRE INSURANCE RATES

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of apparatus, (indeed the newest piece of equipment is due to be delivered any day now) and there is a full time Fire Department, adequately manned by full time men.

Our Fire House itself, is nothing to boast of, but the town has appropriated \$70,000 for a new one, and construction is to start very shortly.

We think it is time the insurance rates were reduced to a proper level.

HAS OUR INDUSTRIAL PHASE REACHED ITS PEAK?

IT MIGHT be well to ask such a question, in an issue that features the industrial growth of Wilmington.

The answer, definitely, is no.

Each of the firms that moved into Wilmington recently have been careful to buy a large enough tract of land to provide for expansion for years to come.

A large portion of the J. W. Greer land is still woodland. The firm of Raffi and Swanson, and the New England Gas Company has acreage to spare, and the National Polychemical deliberately bought a 36 acre tract, with an eye to the future.

At the same time there is still a lot of land still available, for other firms. Many sites of about an acre are available, and many of much larger extent. We believe that if a firm wanted 500 acres in one piece, it could be found here in our town. We also believe that the day is not too far distant when we will have such a firm.

By no stretch of the imagination has Wilmington reached its peak, industrially.

THE TOWN REPORT

Last week the Finance Committee of the Town of Wilmington told the Board of Selectmen that they were not satisfied with the Town Report issued last year. The Committee wanted to have the figures concerning the town's finances, and they wanted those figures in an explicit manner.

We too, have been concerned about this report. Perhaps others were not, but when we sit down to study figures we like to be able to find them, and not guess about this, or that. We approve of the Finance Committee's action.

Let it not be said that we are trying to cast mud on a worthy effort. The Town Manager attempted to make a better town report. It was good enough to get a second prize, in a statewide contest, by the Massachusetts Selectmen, so it must have been good.

We have had one remark, by a capable gentleman, that we think is worthy of repeating. "It is the first time in my life that I have ever sat down and read a Town Report from cover to cover!"

At the same time, let us not omit essential figures and statistics. The Town Report is something that is kept in many homes for years and years. To some person, one set of figures may be unimportant, but to others those same figures are very important.

We are for improvement, but not at the cost of sacrifice of essential features.

WILMINGTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Wilmington Housing Authority, with 13 units now in operation, is asking the voters of the town for additional authority for more housing.

We must confess that when the idea of state subsidized housing was first presented we found features we did not like. However, it was something that had been voted by the legislature, and we would have been foolish to have done other than that which we did. We had to pay for it, whether we liked it or not.

Last year the legislature passed an additional act, for more of the same type of housing. Again we find ourselves in the same position. Like it or not, we are going to pay for it.

Frankly, the whole thing smacks somewhat of pork barrel tactics, except that no one can argue the virtues of providing suitable housing for men who have risked their all for their country.

The Crusader advocates passage of the article which the WHA is putting into the town warrant, for the annual Town Meeting. The Crusader hopes that the Veterans of Wilmington, who are still in need of housing, will avail themselves of the opportunity, and register with the WHA before January 30, 1953.

HONOR ROLL COMMITTEE PREPARING LIST

Last October, at the request of the Town Manager, the three veterans organizations of Wilmington together with their auxiliaries, The American Legion, The Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Disabled

American Veterans, formed a joint committee for the purpose of listing the names of all men and women from Wilmington who have served in the Armed Services of the United States during the Korean Conflict.

The Committee has been compiling such a list. It is now printed below. Anyone noticing any omissions or errors is asked to please notify the Chairman, Arthur B. Harper, 31 Crest Ave. RFD Reading, or the Secretary, Mrs. Marguerite Baker, Harris Street, Wilmington.

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for a big change. When the TM came here, he related, he would sometimes wonder what account a certain item would be charged to. When he inquired he found that it was supposed to be charged to Unclassified.

Now this is going to be changed. Some of these things are going to go down as "Selectmen's Expenses", and \$1500 of the sum which formerly went into Unclassified will now be charged to "Selectmen's Expenses". There will also be a \$500 item for the preparation of Warrants, By Laws, and such material.

POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT

"The budget will allow for three more men in the Police Department and another in the Fire Department, in addition to the one that I shall be appointing soon", said Dean Cushing. He went on to point out that both of these departments were undermanned, and that such a situation was not good for a growing town. He hoped that the people would vote for these increases, in March. "We need these men" he said, "and we have got to have the right men for the right job".

In addition to the salaries of these men, it must not be forgotten that there will also be a cost of uniforms and equipment for them, the TM went on to say.

BY LAWS HELD CP

"The By Laws are ready to be put into effect" said Cushing, "but we have been holding up on this because of the fact that we have several bond issues, coming up soon, which were voted under the old By Laws. The banks are awful fussy, and they might say that if we vote bond issues under one set of By Laws, and then complete the job under another set, such an action would invalidate the issue, in some respects. "We cannot afford to take chances, on such an issue" the TM stated.

NEW FIRE TRUCK

The new fire truck should be delivered soon, perhaps on the 21st of January, the TM stated. He has an item in the budget for a complete extra "repacking" set of

hose, a move that has long been advocated, by many people in the town. In this way we can have two sets, he stated and we think that is very good insurance.

FULL TIME SANITARIAN

The Town Manager is asking for a full time Sanitarian, at a salary of \$4100 a year. Wilmington has many needs of such a man, he declared. It is impossible to expect a part time official at \$500 to accomplish everything.

FULL TIME BUILDING INSPECTOR

Another provision in the TM's budget calls for a full time building inspector, at \$3000 per year. Each building as it goes up should be inspected 6 or 8 times at least, and it is impossible to ask a part time man, who has to go out and earn his living elsewhere, to run around nights, and Sundays, making these inspections.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Town Manager is asking for a new dump truck for the Highway Department and a new pick up truck for the Superintendent, with the present pick up truck to be allocated to the Maintenance Man. He is also asking the Town to purchase the Road Scraper, which it has been hiring for the last year.

The road scraper will cost about \$9800, which he considers a good bargain, as against the original cost of \$16,000. While it has been in use, he has rented it to the state, for Chapter 90 and Chapter 81 work, and the town has been getting \$11 a hour for it, all of which went right into the equipment company fund, and has helped to reduce the cost.

The TM wants to get another portable radio unit, for use in the Tree Department truck. This truck has a winch on it, and proves itself very useful in hauling out other trucks that might be stuck in snow, or elsewhere, the TM declared. "When I bought the radio system, I didn't foresee this fully. I got seven radios for the price of six, and I felt that I couldn't very well get an 8th one for the same money anyway". He went on to describe how time could be lost, by some one having to cruise around looking for the Tree Department truck, if other trucks needed help and declared that a radio

would make a tremendous savings. The Walters Snow Fighters have proved to be quite a money saving factor, said the TM. Now four men and the superintendent can do what the whole department had to do before, in snow storms. Instead of having men perched dangerously in the back of a truck, spreading sand by hand, in an uneven manner, in spite of their best efforts, now a man in a warm cab pulls a lever, and sand is spread out thoroughly and without waste, with much less effort and cost. Not only that, but there isn't as much to sweep up again, in the summertime.

COST OF SCHOOL UP

The cost of schools will be up. It has to go up, with our expanding population. We are dividing the budget into two parts, one for education, and one for maintenance. Last year we spent about \$235,400 for education, and about \$46,600 for maintenance. This year it will be about \$285,000 for education and about \$47,250 for maintenance. In our maintenance budget we hope to squeeze in enough to provide a hot top surface in back of the Junior High School, in the direction of the Buzzell School. This will prevent the children from tracking in sand and gravel into the school, and make a saving in the wax we have to use on the floors there, and it might also do the same thing for some of the homes, to which the children go, after they get out of school.

We have an item of \$2500 for a new boiler for the Junior High School.

INCREASE FOR LIBRARY

The sum allocated for the Public library will be about \$3740, the TM stated. We are now having the library open three afternoons a week, and the librarian is getting only a little over \$1 an hour. It would be nice if we could do a lot more for the library, but I am afraid that it is impossible to do so now, the TM declared. He related how several public spirited gentlemen had spent several afternoons sandpapering the outside of the library so that it could be painted. The town paid for the painting, and the TM added with a grin that he had told the Library Trustees that they could have any color they wanted, as long as they wanted it white, with green shutters.

He paid tribute to a few of the classical New England styled buildings in town, such as the Congregational Church and the Town Hall, and wished that the Library could look better.

Our library is in poor shape," he said, "and we know about it". Perhaps something could be done later, and he hoped so.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The TM has allocated \$200 for the Recreation Committee, voted Jan. 5th by the Town.

Unclassified and others There are certain items that the Town Manager wants to have voted from the Excess and Deficiency account. He wants this as a deliberate policy, and in these items he included the 4H appropriation, the Cost of Living Expenses for Town employees, and the rental money for veteran's halls.

The 4H director, incidently" the

TM said "is not asking for any money this year. I almost had a heart attack when I heard that!" On the subject of Veteran's Halls, the TM stated that he had allocated \$750 to each of the organizations. He went further to state that he expected to see part of the money so allocated used in improving the building, and intimated that something might happen if this were not done.

WATER DEPARTMENT UNCHANGED

The Water Department budget will be substantially unchanged from last year, the TM declared.

DEPARTMENT HEADS TO GET \$3900

The TM declared that he made a study of a number of towns having a population of from 7000 to 14000. Many of these towns had more money than Wilmington, but he found that on an average these towns paid for their department heads \$3900, and he was recommending this sum to the townspeople.

WATER MAIN EXTENSIONS

The Town Manager is allocating \$2000 for enlargement of the well field, and \$5000 for expansion engineering, both sums to come out of the Excess and Deficiency fund.

There is to be no money allocated, in the Town Manager's budget, for water extensions. The TM was quite forceful on this point. He pointed out that he felt the limit had been reached, with the present water supply, and that no extensions should be added until the supply had been augmented.

The TM pointed out that the town had been making a definite attempt to get new industries, and that that attempt has so far been successful, but he added, how can we attract new industries if we have to confess that perhaps our water will drop in pressure, at a critical moment, because of over expansion?

He added that the whole thing was up to the people, but he felt that a \$30,000 appropriation for water extensions would be an act of cutting our own throats, at this time.

STABILIZATION FUND

A subject new to the town was mentioned briefly, by the TM. He believes that the town should consider a Stabilization Fund, perhaps not now, but sometime in the near future.

Such a fund would be in the nature of a bank account, in which excess money could be put in good years, to be drawn

upon when needed. He pointed out the amount of bonds, that would be paid in those bonds. How much nicer, he said, it would be if, when we needed \$70,000 for a new Fire Station, we could draw the money from a Stabilization Fund, and pay no interest either!

A Stabilization Fund would be set up by having a permanent tax rate, foreseeable for some time in the future. If the town had more money than was needed, the excess would go into the Fund, rather than to decrease the tax rate.

TAX RATE MIGHT GO DOWN A LITTLE

The Town Manager ended his talk by a statement that the tax rate might possibly go down a little bit, this year. He didn't want to say just what, and didn't even want to think of it in that manner, but asked "How would you like to find that you have to pay less, say \$5, \$10, \$15 or even \$20? Wouldn't that be nice, off your tax bill?"

QUESTION ABOUT THE FIRE STATION

A question from one of the members of the Baldwin Club was "What is the story about the Fire Station?"

The TM explained, with the aid of drawing pictures with his finger on a wall, that Mr. Olson, the owner of the Hiller estate, owned a bit of the land where the station was to be located. It would be impossible to build without acquiring this land, and if the town acquired it, Olson would be left without an exit to his property.

Olson was very nice about it, and the TM and he agreed on a swap so that Olson could still get onto his land. Olson was willing to accept the TM's signature, for the swap, but the TM pointed out that this would require a vote of the town, and would have to wait until the Town Meeting in March. The TM and Olson are both sure that the Town will agree, but the TM, normally, could not state what the Town will agree to this swap, but Cushing could not feel that he could morally obligate the town. This was something that only the people could do.

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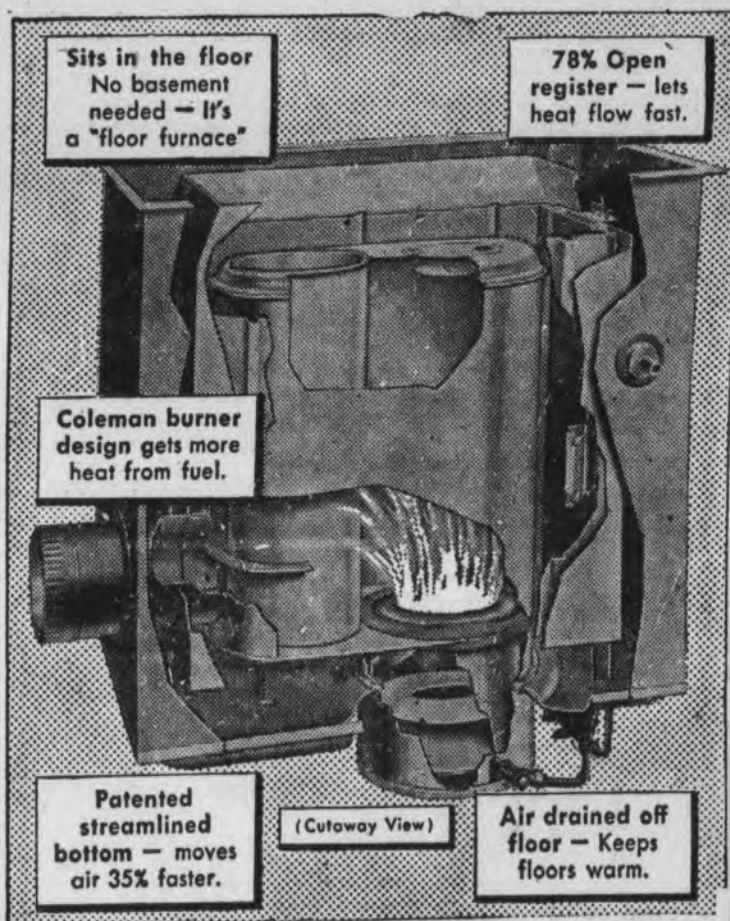


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RABBIT GROWERS ELECT

A stronger rabbit industry is the announced goal of the 1953 Officers of the Middlesex County Commercial Rabbit Association, elected here this month. Almon Huff, Lincoln, new President of the Association reports that special activities are being planned pointing toward the 1953 Convention of the American Rabbit and Cavy Breeders' Association, which will be held in Boston for the first time.

Other Officers of 1953 include: Harold C. Virtue, Arlington, Vice-Pres; Mrs. Harry Greenough, Townsend, Sec-Treas. Directors include: Bernt Benson, W. Roxbury; Kenneth Bingle, (4-H Member), Maynard; Dr. J. Galloway Newton; Harry Greenough, Arthur Hayes, Maynard; George Horton, Acton; John Kokidko, Waltham; and the retiring President, Adrian Rondeau, Pepperell.

The next meeting of the Organization is scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 1953, at the Middlesex County Extension Service "Schoolhouse", 19 Everett Street, Concord, at eight p.m. Everyone interested in rabbits is welcome to attend the meetings of the Middlesex County Commercial Rabbit Association. Meetings are held in the "Schoolhouse" on the fourth Thursday night of each month, according to Alfred W. Carlson, Associate County Agriculture Agent with the Middlesex County Extension Service.

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NEW SUB STATION ON WILDWOOD ST.



Pictured above is the new sub station of the Reading Municipal Light Department, on Wildwood Street. The heavy cable overhead is designed to carry 13,800 volts.

Power and light requirements of the Town of Wilmington have increased about 400 per cent in the last 12 years, and 60 per cent over the figures of 1950.

The rated delivery capacity is now 2800 Kilowatts, but can be nearly doubled, in time of emergency, if need be.

NEW HOMES FOR VETERANS



Along with the industrial expansion has been a similar expansion in the housing of Wilmington. Several new developments, by private builders have done well during the last year.

Pictured above is a typical home built for Veterans by the Wilmington Housing Authority, on the Wildwood Street site.

The Wilmington Housing Authority is asking for the power to build more of these individual units for Veterans.

THE BAY STATE STEEL COMPANY

1952 was a year of expansion for the Bay State Steel Company, of 319 Main Street. Located in a building on property of the Boston and Maine Railroad, this firm is the largest fabricator of paint pails in the United States.

Owned by Morris Epstein of Swampscott, the firm was originally started 33 years ago in Lynn, and moved to Wilmington two years ago. Epstein felt that there were advantages to such a move, and has since found that the advantages proved to be real.

The industry occupied all of a building which is about 340 feet long. Two years ago there were but 15 employees here, and today there are 50.

All machinery, throughout the plant, is as automatic as possible. Steel plates, bought in 2500 pound lots, are cut by automatic dies, scored by the next machine, rolled into shape, and fitted, one step after another, into paint pails and other similar items.

The last step, before packing, is through an automatic painting machine, which is almost human. The paint is sprayed on, by guns, as the finished product passes on a conveyor line. If there is a gap in the line, no paint issues from the gun. From there the product moves into an infra-red oven, and comes out 20 minutes later all ready for packing. Shipments leave nearly every day, always in carload lots.

Epstein is confident of the future. He has enough contracts on hand, he states, to carry the firm through 1955.

Employees of the Bay State Steel Company are 100% local.

DENTISTS OFFICE IN OLD TILLEY HOME

Dr. Owen W. Kite, of 47 Middlesex Avenue has recently installed a small dental office in the back of his home, for the part time practice of oral surgery.

Dr. Kite, a native of New Jersey, is a graduate of Harvard School of Dental Medicine and is now an Associate in the Department of Dental Medicine at Harvard, and is Assistant Dental Surgeon at Massachusetts General Hospital, and Assistant Oral Surgeon at Massachusetts Memorial Hospital.

The Tilley home, in which the office is located, is one of the oldest in Wilmington. Originally built about 1716, it stood on the corner of Main Street and Butters Row, and was moved to its present site, sometime in the nineteenth century, traditionally by oxen. Until recently it was the home of the Tilley family. John Tilley, Blacksmith, lived here, and had a blacksmith shop where the Wilmington Highway Department building is now located.

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WILMINGTON METHODIST CHURCH NEWS FOR WEEK

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Thursday, January 8: The Senior Choir will rehearse at the church at 8 p.m. The Methodist Men's Club will meet at 8 p.m. in the King Arthur Room. Mr. Harry Ainsworth, former police chief and present probation officer of the fourth district court of eastern Middlesex County in Woburn, will speak on the subject:—"Twenty years of experience in Wilmington." Refreshments and recreation will follow the meeting. All men of the community are invited to attend.

Friday, January 9: There will be a meeting of the members of the Wilmington Council of Churches at the home of Mrs. Esther Nichols at 8 p.m.

Sunday, January 11: Church school classes for all ages thru high school age begin at 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary services will be held both at 9:15 and 11 a.m. The pastor will preach at both services. This week a new series of sermons will begin entitled "A Protestant Festival of Faith" which will run for fourteen weeks dealing each week with one of the great doctrines of the Christian Church. The sermon this week: "What Protestants Believe About God." The Junior Youth Fellowship will meet at the church at 5 p.m. At 7 p.m. the Methodist Youth Fellowship will meet. The group will be host to the young people of the South Tewksbury Methodist Church. The Rev. Jack Tuell, pastor of the South Tewksbury church will speak on: "What Methodist Should Believe." At 5 p.m. the Nominating Committee will meet at the church.

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Fire Department inspectors, who visit homes to inspect Oil Burners, will carry their badge as identification, the Department added.

GIRL SCOUTS TROOP 101 CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Girl Scouts of Troop 101 had a Christmas Party in the Walker School cafeteria, on December, at which time they played host to the Brownies.

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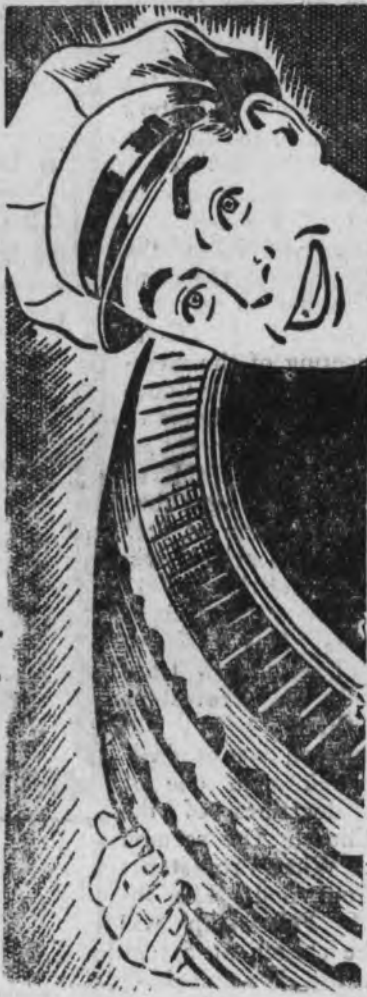
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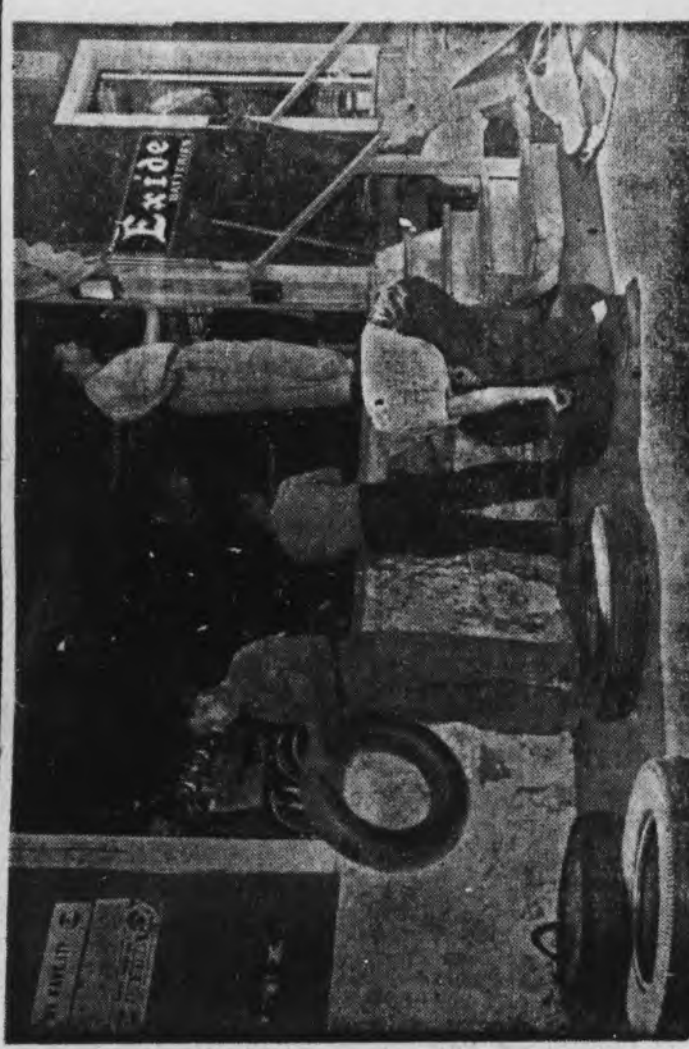
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\$610 STOLEN IN HOUSEBREAK

Two Diamond Rings, valued at \$325, and \$285 in cash were stolen by thieves who broke in the Francis Merrill home at 364 Chestnut Street, some time between 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. A skeleton key is presumed to have been used.

SENIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP TO BE FORMED

The first Senior Girl Scout Troop, for the Town of Wilmington, is to be formed at the home of Mrs. Thelma Rice, on Linda Road, tomorrow, Thursday, the 8th of January. The meeting to form the troop has been called for 7 p.m. All girls of High School age are eligible.

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ST. THOMAS NEWS

Masses: Sundays: At St. Thomas Church - 7:00; 10:30; 11:30. At Villanova - 8:30. At Silver Lake Chapel - 8:45, 10:45.

The Holy Name Society Communion Sunday and Meeting will be postponed to January 17th.

Next Sunday throughout the Nation will be Family Communion Sunday. Where it is possible, the members of each family are urged to receive the Holy Eucharist together as a family. It would be difficult to measure the tremendous good that would be accomplished by such a profession of family unity and Christian life. Next Sunday, through Holy Communion, bring the Infant Saviour home with your family.

Pilot Subscriptions are now due. The subscription is \$3.00 per year. Your early renewal or new subscription will be appreciated. The Pilot is interesting and informative. It is our Diocesan Paper and should be in every home.

Each Morning at 8:30 through Station WORL and each evening at 6:45 through WMEC, Archbishop Cushing leads the Boston Diocese in the Recitation of the Rosary. Do you and your family join in this grand chorus of prayer?

The Proceeds from the sale of Boston Catholic Directories go to the Charity Fund. The price - \$1.25. The Directories may be obtained at the rear of the church. Examine a copy if you wish. Very interesting.

Remember in your prayers those of our parish who are ill.

Pray for the repose of the souls of Edna Pierce, Richard Rothwell and our deceased parishioners.

To our "Boys and Girls" of Wilmington who are in the Service of our Country. We fervently pray that the New Year 1953 will mean for you happiness, peace and your return to those you love. As you await that day may God give you the graces and the courage to carry on. You are remembered daily in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at St. Thomas Church.

BELL FARM HAS A NEW DELIVERY TRUCK

The Bell Dairy Farm, of Chestnut Street is delivering milk in a brand new Milk Truck. A DIVCO 6, painted in Maroon and Green,

it is driven by James Pipes, of the Bell Farm Dairy.

COMMANDER KELLY, DISTRICT 4, DAV, SPEAKES IN NEWBURYPORT

If the Federal Government as an employer turned over every available job to veterans it could only absorb 10% of the twenty million employable veterans of the nation.

This statement was made by James P. Kelly, of Wilson Street, North Wilmington, Commander of DAV District 4 at the monthly meeting of the Northern District Council 4, DAV, at Newburyport Sunday January 5th. Commander Kelly continued that the great bulk of employment opportunities for veterans can only be provided by private employers.

"Enormous as it may be" said the DAV Commander, "it is self evident that the United States Government as an employer can absorb only a relatively small percentage of the 20 million veterans of the nation. If all government positions were occupied by veterans there still would be left nearly eighteen million who must seek employment in other fields."

"The great bulk therefore, of employment opportunities lies with private employers. The greatest emphasis in any employment program must be concentrated on this source."

Kelly said that the DAV is most gratified to learn that private employers generally are beginning to realize the vast source of untapped manpower present in the ranks of the physically handicapped war veteran.

"This past year" he said, "has shown an unbelievable increase in the number of corporations, large and small, which have fashioned their personnel practice so that the physically handicapped can be utilized profitably."

These employers have found it good business to hire qualified disabled veterans after having been told the true story by the DAV and other interested groups.

Representing the local chapter 106 of the DAV were James P. Kelly, Wilson Street, and Joseph Fotile, Forest Street.

GRIMES RESIGNS FROM WHA

Joseph M. Grimes of Columbia Street, Chairman of the Wilmington Housing Authority, and a member from the time it was first started, resigned as Chairman, and as a member, in a letter to the Authority, effective January 1st.

Mr. Grimes has been in poor health for some time. The resignation was accepted with regret by the members of the Authority.

MARFLEET LEAVES BOARD OF HEALTH

Albert Marfleet, of Boutwell Street has vacated his post in the Board of Health of Wilmington, effective January 1st. Marfleet, a Lieutenant in the United States Navy has received orders which will mean that he will shortly be on "Sea Duty", and has found it necessary to temporarily sever all other business. In leaving Marfleet expressed his regret that he was unable to continue, and hoped that he would be in a position to resume some day his service to the Town of Wilmington.

BILL DALTON JOINS THE MARINES

Bill Dalton of Miller Road has joined the U.S. Marines. His new address is Pvt. Wm. D. Dalton, 137-12-36, Plt 593, M Co., 4th Bn, MCRD, Parris Island, South Carolina.

NOMINATION PAPERS MUST BE FILED BY JANUARY 26th

Candidates for office, in the Town of Wilmington, must file their nomination papers with the Board of Registrars by 5 p.m. January 26th, Town Clerk Mary Gilligan stated Monday.

After the Board of Registrars have checked the papers, the candidates may then call for them, and file them with

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the Town Clerk. This last filing must be completed by 5 p.m. February 2nd. Candidates are reminded that all provisions for signatures must be complied with.

Nomination papers are available from the Town Clerk, in the Town Hall, during regular office hours.

\$41,776.89 WITHHELD FOR TAXES FROM TOWN EMPLOYEES IN 1952

The year 1952 saw a total of \$41,776.89 withheld from the payrolls of Wilmington's Town Employees, under the withholding provision of the Income Tax law. The greatest total, prior to this year was last year, when \$33,702.34 was withheld.

The major part of the money withheld came from employees of the School Department, not including Custodians and Maintenance Men. \$24,522.07 was withheld from employees of this department, while \$17,254.82 was withheld from other employees of the



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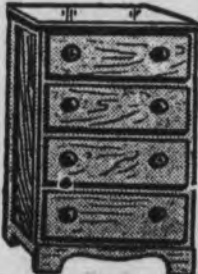
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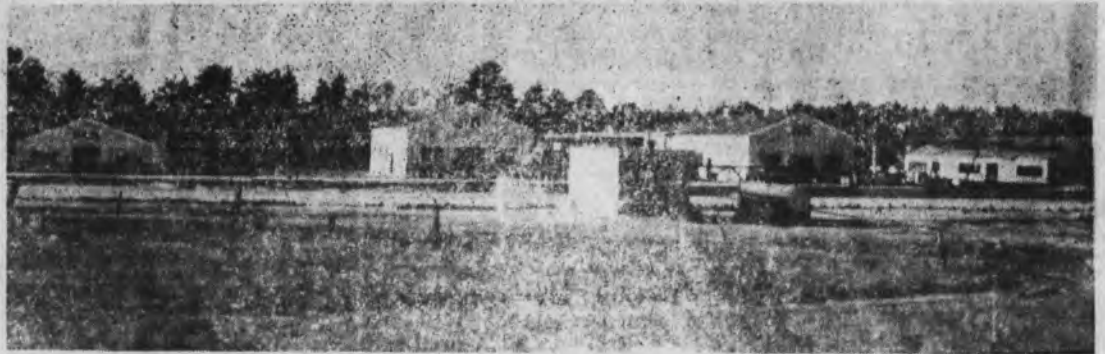
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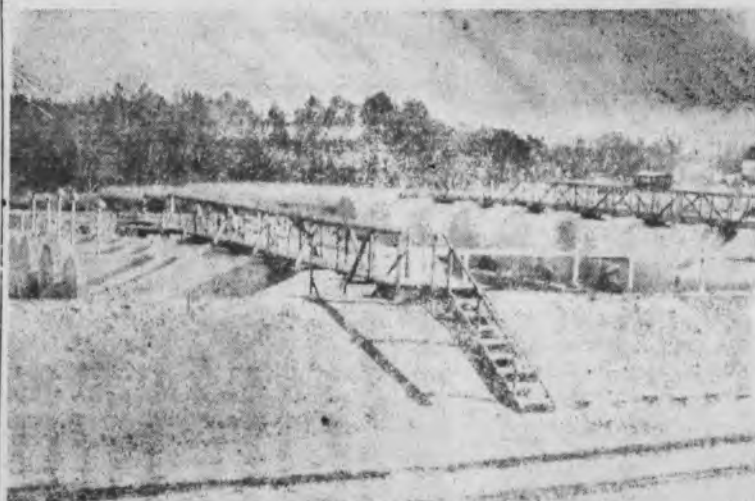


RAFFI AND SWANSON - EAMES STREET



Raffi and Swanson, of Chelsea, Mass. have erected this large and modern plant on Eames Street during the last year. They are among the foremost manufacturers in the country of Lacquers and Industrial Finishes. Eventually all of their operations will be on this site.

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NEW MIXERS AT RAFFI AND SWANSON PLANT



Pictured above are three of the new laquer mixers, at the Raffi and Swanson plant. Not shown in the photograph is another mixer, rated at 3,000 gallons, and said by its maker to be the largest in the world, of its type.

RAFFI AND SWANSON

Among the industries to locate in Wilmington during the past year is that of Raffi and Swanson, makers of lacquers and industrial finishes. The plant is on a seven acre site on Eames Street with six buildings and a tank farm that is acclaimed as one of the finest in United States.

The firm of Raffi and Swanson was started on April 1, 1923. Martin Swanson, a research chemist, and Charles Raffi, a chemical broker, pooled resources and started an office in Boston, for the purpose of selling chemicals.

The following spring the firm started to manufacture sodium hypochlorite (laundry bleach) for sale to laundries and small mills. A small plant was bought in Chelsea, at 1012 Broadway, and the manufacturing phase of Raffi and Swanson was underway. The firm started with six employees.

In the spring of 1925 this firm felt that a demand existed for lac-

quers, and started the manufacture of lacquers and finishes, at this same plant. These first lacquers were for leather and other flexible materials.

The depression did not affect Raffi and Swanson as it did other firms. A small firm, flexible and ready to enter allied enterprises, Messrs Raffi and Swanson went out after more business, got it, and grew.

By 1938 the firm had to move to larger quarters. They purchased a plant formerly occupied by the Modene Paint Company, at 311 Eastern Avenue, Chelsea. This plant was purchased because so much of the available equipment could be used by the new owners.

Raffi and Swanson continued to grow. The firm was soon making lacquers and finishes for wood, metal, paper and cloth, as well as for leather.

In 1951 the Monsanto Chemical Company, faced by the expanding needs of other departments of their company, decided to sell their lac-

quer division, in Everett. Raffi and Swanson bought the Monsanto Lacquer Division, and then was faced with the problem of where to put it.

Raffi and Swanson began to look around. They wanted a plant that was not too far distant from Boston and from their own plant, for they felt that the Chelsea plant would have to operate for some time. Then, too, there was such problems as communications and costs. The firm could not afford to pay an outrageous price. They felt that a country site, near a railroad, and near Route 128 would solve many of their problems, and their attention turned to Wilmington.

This firm began to investigate this town, and what they found pleased them. Land, not too high in price, could be bought near Route 128, and directly on the Boston and Maine. The Town government, and the Town officials pleased the firm, by an honest and yet aggressive manner. The decision was made.

Today, at 100 Eames Street, Raffi and Swanson have six buildings in operation or being erected. Twenty five employees, most of them Wilmington men, are employed here. The plant in Chelsea still continues and will probably will run for some few years yet, but it is the hope of the company that all of their plant will eventually be in Wilmington.

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CONGREGATIONAL

The governing board of the Fireside Fellowship will meet at the parsonage Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The church cabinet will meet at the parsonage on Thursday at 8 p.m.

The North Branch will meet in the vestry Thursday at 8 p.m.

The governing board of the Wilmington Church Council will meet at the home of Mrs. Guy E. Nichols on Friday at 8 p.m.

The church finance committee will meet at the home of Warren Willis on Butters Row on Tuesday, January 13th, at 8 p.m.

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MILDRED H. ROGERS MOTHERS CLUB TO MEET

The January meeting of the Mildred H. Rogers School Mothers' Club will be held at the Silver Lake Betterment Hall at 3 p.m. on Monday, January 12. As this is an important meeting, all mothers are cordially invited to attend.

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"BB" GUNS BREAK WINDOWS

Clark, 341 Salem Street, reported to the police at 4 p.m. December 30th, that windows in his garage had been broken, apparently by "BB" shots.

THOMAS JACKSON IN WINCHESTER HOSPITAL

Thomas Jackson, of Chestnut Street, was taken to Winchester Hospital on December 30th, by the police ambulance. Officer Fuller, and Firefighter Cushing, driving, Dr. MacDougal in attendance.

FORCED OFF ROAD ON ANDOVER STREET

Joseph Meuse of Wildwood Street, reported to the Wilmington Police that at 5 a.m. January 2nd he was forced off the road, while driving on Andover Street, and he struck a

pole. His right fender was damaged. The only information that Meuse could give the police was that it was a "dark colored sedan."

AMERICAN LEGION MEETS JANUARY 15th

The first meeting of the new year, for Post 136 of the American Legion will be held in Legion Hall on January 15. This meeting is important to the members, because the work and committees for the new year are to be planned. Every member is urged to be present.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY WHIST

The Auxiliary of the American Legion will have a Benefit Whist, for the veterans in Bedford Hospital, in Legion Hall, on January 16th, at 8:30 p.m. Mrs. Mary White and Mrs. Marguerite Harper are in charge.

JOHN R. WHITE

PFC John R. White, son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. White, 555 South Street, So. Tewksbury, recently arrived in Japan and is serving with the 1st Cavalry Division.

Veterans of the Korean conflict are giving intensive field training to the new replacements in the division on the Japanese Islands. The 1st spent 17 months in the combat zone before being rotated out of the line last December.

World War II veterans will remember this same division landed at Lingayon Gulf on Luzon, Philippine Islands in early 1945 and raced south to help liberate Manila. American prisoners of war held at Santo Tomas University were freed by an advance column of the 1st Cavalry.

White entered the Army in February 1951 and was last stationed with the 28th Infantry Division in Germany.

DAV DID NOT COLLECT \$750 FROM TOWN

The William Tattersall Chapter of the DAV, which was voted \$750 by the town in the last Annual Town Meeting, was unable to collect that money, because of legal difficulties, it has been learned.

WILMINGTON WOMEN'S CLUB

The regular meeting of the Wilmington Women's Club will be held on Thursday, January 15 in the Vestry of the Methodist Church. Dessert at 1:30 p.m. will be followed by the regular business meeting at two o'clock, Mrs. John Russell presiding.

Mrs. Duncan Bedford, Harpist, will provide the afternoon program. Mrs. Alexander LaCreta is Chairman of the Hospitality Committee. Assisting her are Mrs. Meyer Weinberg, Mrs. John White, Mrs. Arthur Williams, Mrs. Frank Gammons, Dr. Miriam Hosmer, Mrs. Chelsea Davis, Mrs. Alexander Goldsworthy, Mrs. George Davidson.

ANTHONY MARMIANI IN WINCHESTER HOSPITAL

Anthony Marmiani, of the Garden Acres Poultry Farm is in the Winchester Hospital. He was taken there by the Wilmington Police Ambulance on Monday, by Officer Shepard and Firefighter Dewhurst, Dr. MacDougal attending.

VA NEWS

Veterans whose disabilities have been adjudged service-connected and rated as zero percent by the Veterans Administration are not entitled to compensation, but they may receive medical or dental treatment from VA for these disabilities, Samuel R. Bacherman, Boston VA adjudication officer, said this week.

In thousands of cases VA rating boards have found the GI's incurred disabilities in service, but they are not disabled to a degree entitling them to compensation payments. Veterans in this category are called "zero-percent cases", Bacherman said.

Although a zero-percent veteran is not eligible for all civil service preference and tax abatement benefits available to a compensated disable veteran, he is rated a disable veteran by VA.

Should a zero-percent veteran's service-connected disability become aggravated, Bacherman said, the veteran has two alternatives. If he applies to the VA for medical or dental treatment, the VA doctor will file a report for rating purposes in his behalf; or the veteran himself can present evidence to the VA and request a review of his rating.

VA then will authorize another medical examination to

determine the extent of the veteran's disability.

The law provides that compensation be paid on a minimum rating award of ten percent.

Questions and Answers—Q—At present, I am training under Public Law 16. VA has reviewed my disability rating and has reduced it to zero percent, which means that I no longer will get disability compensation pay. Will I be allowed to continue my Public Law 16 training, despite this fact? A—Yes. The fact that your disability is no longer compensable does not require the discontinuance of your Public Law 16 training until you have reached your training objective.

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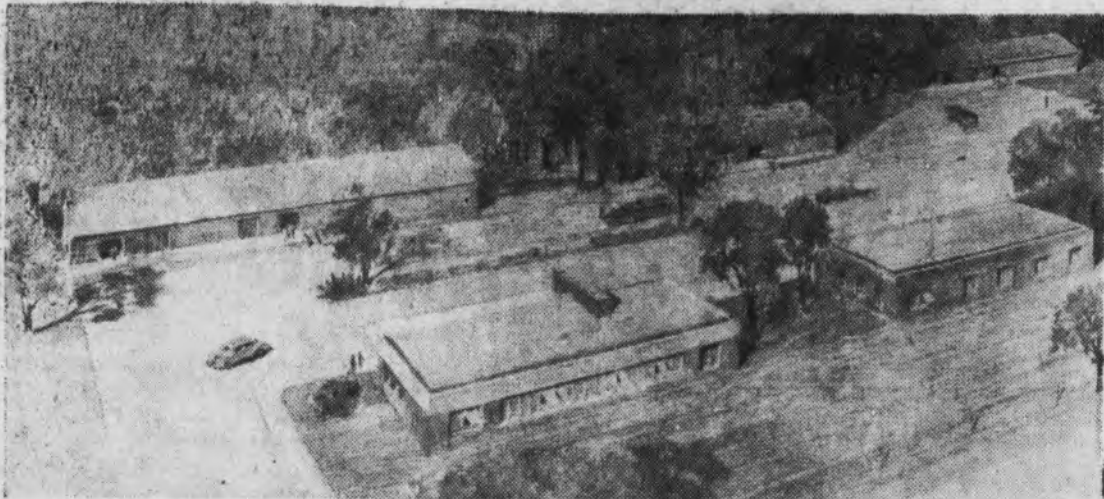
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Three certain parcels of land with the buildings thereon, situate in said Wilmington, bounded and described as follows:

Parcel one - Westerly by Main Street, 740.33 feet; Northerly and

Westerly by land now or formerly of George N. Primpas et al, 351.66 feet and 533.02 feet; Northerly by land now or formerly of Rocco Yentile et al, 90.57 feet; Easterly and Northeasterly by land now or formerly of Herbert C. Barrows, 1123.98 feet and 358.84 feet, respectively; Southeasterly by land now or formerly of F. A. Ellis, Antonio De Masi, Hattie M. Cook the end of Morse Avenue, land now or formerly of Elmer B. Thomas et al, Richard D. Van Demark, Jr. et al, and Nina L. Wetherbee, 1441.74 feet; Southerly by land now or formerly of Raffi and Swanson, Inc., 149.57 feet; Southwesterly by land now or formerly of the Boston and Maine Railroad, 1268.69 feet;

Parcel two - Easterly by Main Street, 1504.15 feet; southerly by land now or formerly of Robert Landry, Edmond Peters et al and Joseph H. App et al, 1175.11 feet; Westerly by Cold Spring Brook; Northwesterly by Maple Meadow Brook; Northeasterly by land now or formerly of the Boston and Maine Railroad, 733.89 feet.

Parcel three - Easterly by Main Street, 1092.90 feet; Southwesterly by land now or formerly of the Boston and Maine Railroad, 639.45 feet; Northwesterly by Maple Meadow Brook.

The petitioner denies the existence of any rights of way in any person whatsoever in or over the land described and asks to have the land registered free and clear of any ways.

The above described land is shown on two plans filed with said petition and all boundary lines are claimed to be located on the ground

as shown on said plan.

If you desire to make any objection or defense to said petition you or your attorney must file a written appearance and an answer under oath, setting forth clearly and specifically your objections or defense to each part of said petition, in the office of the Recorder of said Court in Boston (at the Court House), or in the office of the Assistant Recorder of said Court at the Registry of Deeds at Lowell in the County of Middlesex where a copy of the plan filed with said petition is deposited, on or before the second day of February next.

Unless an appearance is so filed by or for you, your default will be recorded, the said petition will be taken as confessed and you will be

forever barred from contesting said petition or any decree entered thereon.

Witness, John E. Fenton, Esquire Judge of said Court, this second day of January in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-three.

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TOWN NOTES

THE WEATHER

Glorious. One word description. We had two days of heavy rain, but just think what we would have had if it were snow! Sunday was fine and clear, and large numbers were skating on Silver Lake. The skating didn't stop with sunset either, for a fine moon provided a most pleasing illumination.

There was a trace of snow on December 31st, and .66 inches of rain on Jan. 2nd, followed by .56 on Jan. 3rd.

RAINFALL FOR THE YEAR

Wilmington had 38.73 inches of rain in 1952, not a particularly heavy rainfall. By months it was Jan. 4.22 inches, Feb. 2.61, Mar. 2.84, April 4.31, May 5.17, June 2.28, July 1.71, Aug. 6.74, Sept.

2.01, Oct. 1.50, Nov. 1.79 and December 3.57.

ROTARY PARK IS BEING FLOODED

Wilmington Rotary Park is being flooded, and by the time that the Crusader goes on the newsstands, Wednesday afternoon, there should be enough water there to provide fine and safe skating for the youngsters and oldsters of Wilmington.

The water is being provided by diverting Mill Brook into the bog. Francis McKenna, of 21 Middlesex Avenue very kindly donated his labor to this good cause.

We have just learned, incidentally, that the old name for Mill Brook was Settle Brook. Its was so described in a deed which we saw the other day, a deed dated about 1660.

SKATING

As we have indicated above, skating is good in nearly all parts of the town.

As usual in every town, there are some families that are unable to provide skates for all their growing children. George, (of Georges Restaurant) is a man who always has an answer for such a problem.

If you have any skates that aren't going to be used, take them to George and he will see that some child will get them. George is also collecting canes and crutches, for needy persons and for Veteran's Hospitals.

CHICKEN POX

Many of the children of our town did not get a chance to try their skates, during the Christmas Vacation. Quite a few of them were laid up with Chicken Pox. Some of them had quite a seige we understand.

STAMP METER

About a year ago a stamp meter was installed in Wilmington Town Hall, for the purpose of saving money. It has worked very well. At the end of each month a reading was made, of the registering dial, for the purpose of keeping a record of its use.

Monday the Town Hall was visited by an Inspector from the Post Office Department. It would appear that the gentleman was worrying about possible authorized use of the stamp meter.

Anyway, Mrs. Doris Cady now has the task of reading and recording the meter every evening, at 5 pm., and again at 8 am. every morning. She looks forward to the task with pleasure.

1952 NUMBER PLATE

The ladies of the Walker School Mothers Club are collecting 1952 license plates, in order to raise money for improving the school yard, which, we must admit, could stand a little improving.

Boxes, and appropriate signs have been placed in a number of locations, for people to drop their old number plates into. The boxes are located at Freddy Vineour's store, in South Tewksbury, Al Riley's Gas Station, The K & N Gas Station, Rusty's Texaco Station, Lyons Gas Station, and Cain's Garage, in addition to one which the president of the Club, Mrs. Cotter, has at her home on Clark Street.

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PREVIEW OF POLICE CRUISER

Wilmington voters, at the Town Meeting, Monday night, had a preview of the Police Cruiser that the TM intends to buy for the town. A Cruiser of the same type, belonging to the Quincy Police Department, and in charge of Sgt. John F. Denneer, of Quincy, stood in front of the High School Cafeteria door, for every one to see. It was a Ford all metal Ranch Wagon, black, with a gleaming white top. Inside could be seen an emergency stretcher, ready for action. Quite attractive

TAX RATE WILL NOT INCREASE

TM Cushing, in answer to the Crusader Reporter, stated that he is definitely sure that the tax rate will not increase, this year. He regards this as a very good sign, in view of the reported increases pending in other towns and cities of the Commonwealth.

CHRISTMAS TREES ARE FIRE HAZARDS

Acting Chief O'Neil, of the Fire Department warns that Christmas trees are now very dry and dangerous. It is time to get rid of them, he says.

OUR CHRISTMAS TREE

In our editorial about our Christmas tree, two weeks ago, we neglected to state that the tree had been donated by Herb Barrows, owner of the North Wilmington Nurseries, and Chairman of the Wilmington Finance Committee. It was truly a magnificent specimen.

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SIREN PURCHASED FOR NEW POLICE CRUISER

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TM DUMPS RE-ZONING PROBLEMS IN LAP OF PLANNING BOARD

The Town Manager, and the Planning Board discussed the problem of the Town's Zoning By Laws, in a meeting on January 6th.

A number of changes in the Zoning By Laws were felt to be desirable, by both the TM and the Board. Among these changes would be the widening of the heavy industrial zones, along sections of the railroads going through town, in many parts of the town. At the same time there were now residences in some parts of the town allocated for light industry, such as, for instance, Lawrence Street, and the area near Nichols Street. In both of these cases, the gentlemen agreed, it would be desirable to re-zone, so as to protect these homes.

The Board is to conduct a thorough study, possibly lasting for several years, on the problem, and bring it before the people of the town, in hearings, and then later at the town meetings.

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WOODS TO RUN FOR RE-ELECTION

Selectman Joseph G. Woods of 23 Beacon Street, has announced that he will be a candidate for re-election as Selectman, in the coming

March elections.

Woods, a resident of Wilmington for 28 years, is a Past Commander of Post 136, District Commander of District 5 of the American Legion.

He is employed by the Boston and Maine Railroad, and has served two terms as President of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, General Office Lodge 71, and is now serving his second four year term as a member of the Protective Committee of the Brotherhood.

Woods has been a Selectman for two years, in Wilmington.

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B & M TO BUILD SHELTER AT SILVER LAKE STATION

The Silver Lake Betterment Association, on December 5th wrote to the Boston & Maine Railroad, to see if something could be done to replace the shelter burned down at the Silver Lake Railroad Station, last summer.

The B & M has sent the following letter, in reply:

December 29, 1952

Mrs. Mary J. Brennan, Sec.
The Silver Lake Betterment Association, Inc.

4 Cottage Street,
Wilmington, Mass.

Dear Madam:

This will acknowledge your letter of December 5th, rela-

tive to provision of a shelter at Silver Lake.

Replacement of the shelter destroyed by fire has been under consideration by our Management and has just been authorized. It will be erected just as soon as possible.

We hope that patronage at this station will continue in sufficient volume to justify the expense of the new shelter.

Yours truly,

S. B. Hutchings,
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GREER APPOINTS WILLIAM HILL MANAGER OF CONTRACT MFG. DIV.

Mr. William Hill of Belmont, Mass., who has been with J. W. Greer Company, Cambridge machinery manufacturer, for a period of 30 years, has been selected to manage the newly formed Contract Manufacturing Division of the company. The Greer Company designs and manufactures continuous production equipment primarily for confectionery, bakery, and other branches of the food in-



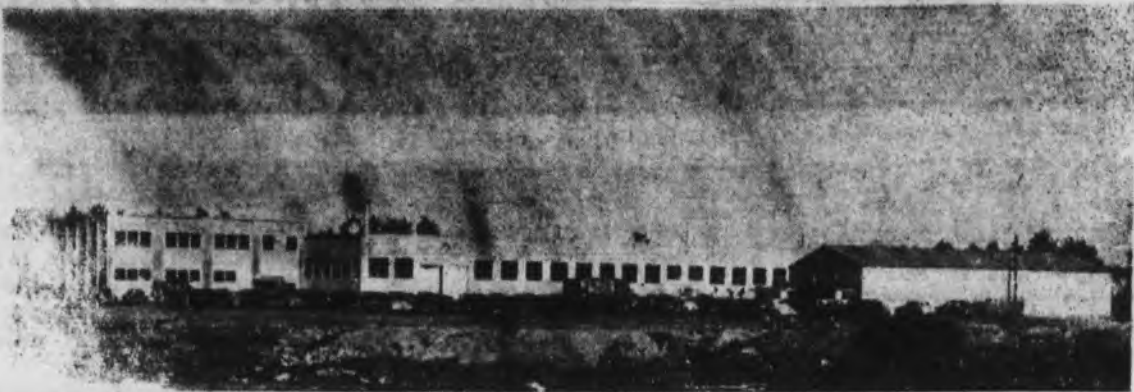
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dustry, and the petroleum industry. Production has started in its new modern plant on route 38 in Wilmington, although manufacturing operations are continuing at the Cambridge location.

In his new position, Mr. Hill will be responsible for the development of business in industries not served by the company. This will be an activity separate and distinct from the company's Defense Manufacturing Division. The Greer Company will also seek to manufacture machinery and other products designed and developed by others.

Mr. Hill has been Production Manager of the J. W. Greer Company through most of his years of service. He brings to his new position a thorough knowledge of machine shop work, steel fabrication and machine building. His headquarters will be in Cambridge until the spring of 1953, when the company's of-

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fice and Engineering Department will be moved to Wilmington.

Mr. Hill's successor as Production Manager will be Mr. Frank P. Leavitt, of North Quincy, who has been in charge of the company's steel fabricating shop for a number of years.

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RING'S HAT IS IN THE RING

The political fires for 1953 have been started, with the announcement of Andrew P. Ring, of 21 Middlesex Avenue that he will be a candidate for Selectman, this coming March.

Ring was born in Wilmington, in 1927, and after attending local schools, graduated from Keith Academy in 1947. He attended Suffolk University, and has been with General Foods for the last three years.

He is a member of the Wilmington Town Democratic Committee, and has served on the Board of Public Welfare for the last three years.

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CRUISER AND RECREATION COMMISSION VOTED BY TOWN

The Town of Wilmington, in Town Meeting, or rather, in two Town Meetings, Monday night, voted for a new police cruiser, and for the establishment of a Recreation Commission.

The meeting, scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m. could not start until 8:30 p.m., when the seventy-fifth voter, the Rev. Otis Maxfield walked through the door of the High School Cafeteria, where the meeting was held.

Moderator David Elfman called the meeting to order at that time, and read Article 6, of the Sept 29th meeting, which had been adjourned until January 5th.

Selectman Kenneth Lyons then moved the article, and it was seconded. As Lyons moved the article, it called for \$2200 for purchase and equipping of a new Police Cruiser. Chairman Barrows, of the Finance Committee stated that the Finance Committee had approved \$17-

50 for a new cruiser, and \$450 for equipment.

Philip Buzzell, Town Counsel, rose on a point of order. He wanted to make sure that the article specified "transfer from available funds". Selectman Lyons deleted a few words from his motion, and the motion being satisfactory, it was voted by the meeting. There were no dissenting votes.

The adjourned Town Meeting was declared adjourned, amidst a bit of humor, by the moderator at 8:35 and the Special Meeting was called to order.

Selectman Lyons explained that the first article in the Warrant would ordinarily be acted upon in a December Special Town Meeting, but the Selectmen had not called one, because of this meeting on Jan. 5th. He then moved that \$5,222.25 be transferred from available funds to provide for the payment of unpaid debts of 1952. The Finance Committee Chairman, Herbert Barrows, in a spirit of good humor, explained that his committee did not know until that afternoon what the sum was to be, but they always approved of paying debts, and they approved at this time. A standing vote was called for, and the town voted the article, 71 ayes and no nays.

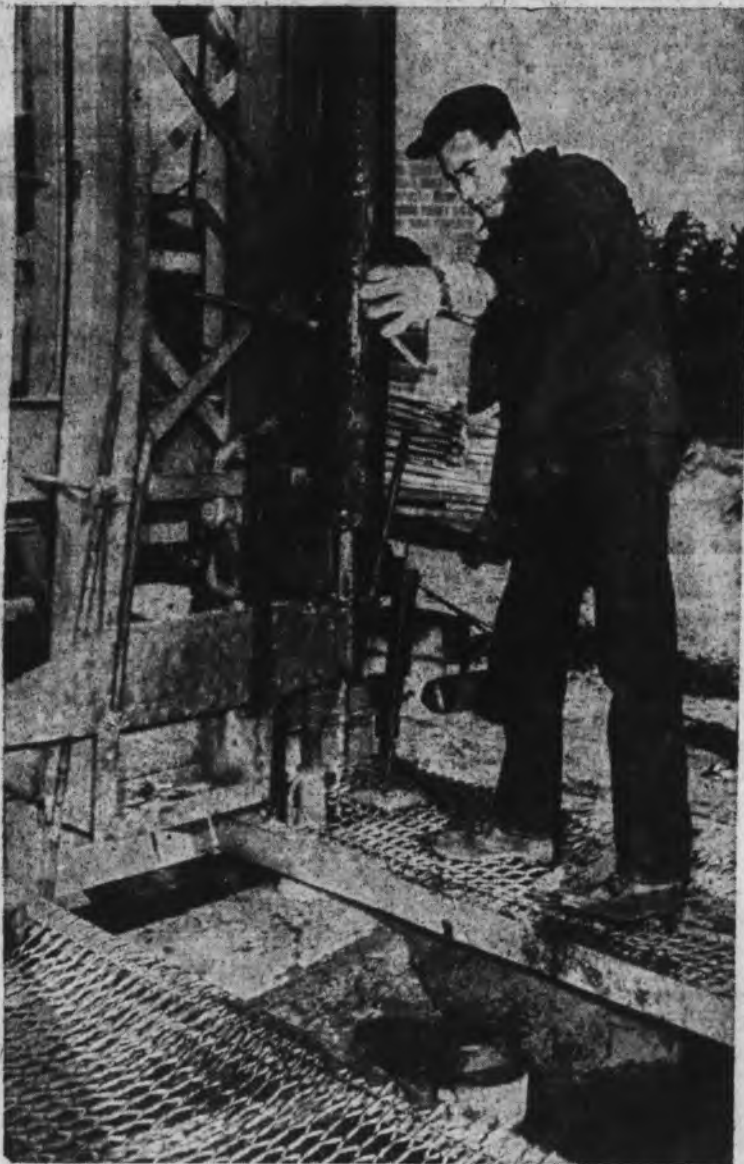
Article II, provided money for the equipping of the Police Cruiser was passed (laid on the table) by motion of Kenneth Lyons. He explained that the article of the adjourned Town Meeting had already taken care of this matter.

Article III, calling for the establishment of a Recreation Commission, on the petition of the Wilmington Women's Club, the Wilmington Parent Teachers Association, and the Baldwin Civic Association, was then moved by Mrs. Bliss. She moved that a Commission of five members be appointed by the Selectmen and or Town Manager, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 45, Section 14, General Laws.

The Finance Committee approved, and without discussion, the article was voted by the town.

Moderator Elfman then asked for someone to move adjournment, and further stated that he believed that the Finance Committee would approve. Barrows smiled back an answer as the motion was made, and the meeting adjourned at 8.41 p.m.

DRILLING 1,000 FOOT DEEP WELL AT NATIONAL POLYCHEMICALS



Ritchie Corsetti, of Woburn, owner of the Eastern Drilling Co., checks drill at National Polychemical Plant where a 1,000 foot well is being drilled by his concern. (Photo courtesy of Woburn Times.)

A Woburn concern, Eastern Drilling Company, owned and operated by Ritchie Corsetti, a North Woburn youth, has just completed the drilling of a 1,000 foot deep well, at the National Polychemical Plant, on Eames Street.

The machine, owned by Corsetti, is the largest of its type in New England, and was used in drilling the 1,000 foot well which is expected to produce approximately 300,000 gallons of water a day.

Corsetti, who is on the job at all times, has stated that the well just completed is one of the toughest jobs he ever handled. It took eight weeks of steady drilling to reach the 1,000 mark. A hard rock formation was encountered at the 17 foot level, and it continued the remainder of the distance.

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